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# WIRELESS CALL BROUGHT HELP

## To Sch. Eugenia of This Port With Rudder Gone and Badly Iced Up Off Halifax.

Her decks and rigging clothed in ice, and her worn-out crew badly frost-bitten, the fishing schooner Eugenia, of this port, helpless, with her rudder carried away by the storms, was slowly towed to safety in Halifax harbor Monday evening by the wrecking steamer Amphrite, which, in response to wireless calls for help, voiced by a passing Atlantic liner, put far out to sea and rescued the wallowing craft from the fury of a wild sea.

For a week the Eugenia had been tossed about by the gales that have been strewing the shores of the Atlantic with stranded hulks, and last Friday, when the hardy fishermen were about to give up the fight for life in the height of the tempest, the steering gear was snapped off and the crippled craft was left to the mercy of the heaving combers.

Since leaving home, a couple of weeks ago, to fish off the coast of Nova Scotia, the men aboard the little vessel have suffered great hardships, and, all require medical treatment from their desperate encounter with the cold and elements.

Not fortunate like the other schooners operating off the coast, in being

able to make a sheltering harbor, before the full force of the recent gale swept down upon her, the Eugenia was caught in its grasp and swiftly driven before. With sails reefed in the vessel, managed to ride the storm, but she strained and gave way before the great walls of water breaking over, and her rudder was carried away, together with all other gear not below decks. The continual wash of the waves across from bulk rendered the deck floor into a mass of ice in the freezing weather, and the stays and spars also took on an icy coating, giving her a weird outline as she was brought in at night-fall.

The Eugenia lies in the stream at Halifax, while the fishermen manning her are having their frost-bites attended to.

Tuesday morning she went on the marine slip to be repaired, in the course of which much refitting will be done.

Crowell Brothers are looking after the interests of the Eugenia.

It is learned that the plight of the Eugenia was discovered by some ocean liner bound for Halifax, and which immediately wirelessed a message for help for her, to the wireless station at Sambro light, with the result that the Amphrite was sent to her assistance and found her and towed her in.

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# CAPT. COONEY IS AGAIN HEARD FROM

## Cape Porpoise Also Adds to Gill-Netting Epistolary War.

Cod nets and gill netting still continue to be the very interesting theme of discussion among the fishermen, not only at this port but along the Maine coast and elsewhere, which has furnished inspiration for a number of communications on this subject which have already appeared in the Times.

Capt. Joseph Cooney of Rockport has written another letter upon the subject, while a communication has also been received from Capt. H. S. Sinnett of Cape Porpoise, Maine, which follow:

**Capt. Cooney's Letter.**

Rockport, Mass., January 25, 1913.  
To the Editor of the Times:—With your kind permission I wish to appeal through your columns to the captains of Boston and Provincetown who go trawling, to defend the fisheries, for it is no use to ask the Gloucester captains, for most of them have got their brains wound up in gill nets.

At this time, I will make a statement regarding what Mr. Gamage had to say in your columns several evenings ago. I didn't answer before because I wanted to take a look around your city so that I would be sure that I know what I am talking about before I go on record in the public press.

I don't deny but what there is a boom on now, but I still claim, as I have said before, that it will be for only a short while.

I don't think that Mr. Gamage both-

those people from the lakes why they are all leaving their old grounds and flocking to Gloucester.

Thanking you for past favors, I remain yours truly,

Capt. Joseph Cooney.

**Another from Cape Porpoise.**

Cape Porpoise, Maine.

To the Editor of the Times:—Looking back 21 years, we find that the sch. Thomas W. Knights came here and the first trip she made was to the Cape Shore on a fresh trip, commanded by Capt. Richard J. Nunan. She was gone somewhere from two to three weeks, and came back \$180 in debt. With her trawls baited she went up into Wells' Bay, set her trawls, secured fish enough to pay her bills and the crew shared \$17. That was the beginning of fresh fishing on the shore the year around at Cape Porpoise. Three years later, Capt. Frank Nunan commanded the Sylvia M. Nunan, and has been fresh fishing ever since. When he took that vessel in the spring I caught 5000 pounds of haddock and cod with one dory on the "butter spot" marks. I remember one time in particular, I saw him coming up from the traps before the squid and bluebacks were in fashion, baiting his trawls with fresh bait. I had hauled a tub of trawls and had almost a dory load of fish and father came alongside and I pitched them out. He was a foxy old fellow, and he made me heave out three lines that I had hauled, so I would be hauling what

# TO BAR NETTING AND ALSO SEINING

## Along Shore From New Hampshire Line to Cape Ann Object of Bill to Come Before Legislature.

State House, Boston, Jan. 17th.—Representative Webster of Boxford is the petitioner for legislation to prevent any person at any time of the year to take or catch with a seine, weir or net any of the fish along the shores of the Atlantic Ocean between the New Hampshire line and Cape Ann, or in the waters of the Merrimac river, the Ipswich river, Plum Island river, Parker river or any of its tributaries.

Owing to the fact that the bill is presented after the final date for the submission of bills, it will be necessary to have the committee on rules suspend the 12th joint rule with reference to the admission of bills after the final date set for introduction.

Mr. Webster's bill follows:

Section 1. No person shall at any time of the year take or catch with a seine, weir or net any of the fish called cod, haddock, pollock, hake or flounders along the shore of the Atlantic ocean between the New Hampshire line and Cape Ann, or in the waters of the Merrimac river, Ipswich river, Plum Island river, Parker river or any of the tributaries of the aforesaid.

Section 2. Any person violating the provisions of this act shall, for each offense, be punished by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

If the committee on rules should vote to suspend the rules regarding the admission of bills, this petition will be referred to the committee on fisheries and game.

# THIS BILL HITS AT HERRING TORCHERS

State House, Boston, January 17.—"Torching" in the waters of Essex river and the town of Essex is to be prohibited if a petition now before the legislature goes through. Such an appeal for legislation has come in signed by one William M. Robinson and has been referred to the legislative committee on fisheries and game. With the petition is the following bill:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to display torches or other lights designed or used for the purpose of taking herring or other fish in

any waters of the town of Essex unless he receives a written permit so to do from the selectmen of the said town. Such permits shall be good for not more than one year, and may be revoked at any time by the selectmen.

Section 2. Whoever violates the provisions of this act shall be punished, for a first offence, by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$200, or by imprisonment for a term of not less than six months nor more than 12 months; and for a second offence by both such fine and imprisonment.

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ered to look around very much before he spoke in your paper, for I have been around since then, and I can prove that there are plenty of vacant houses to let, that is, if you can go by signs. I will refer Mr. Gamage to the "To let" column in your paper. Ask your assessors which pays the most taxes—the gill netters or the fleet of vessels.

I will let the public decide Mr. Gamage's ability to discuss the fishing business. I for one, doubt if he has ever been around the Point. You notice, Mr. Reader, that the captains who go gill netting do not deny that they get mostly mother fish in the spawn season. I would be pleased to discuss this question with the fishermen, but as far as Mr. Gamage is concerned, I don't care to bother with him, for I believe that he is speaking for some one else.

I will predict, Mr. Reader, that if the legislators don't pass laws to protect our salt water fish the same as they have protected the fresh, that you, in the near future, will see one firm in Boston handle all of the fish landed, and this will be nothing else but a trust, and then you will see the results.

I see that Capt. Nelson states in your paper that there are only 40 gill netters, but I have been informed that there are 60, with a prospect of 40 more.

If there is any doubt in your minds about the nets destroying the grounds, just think about Ipswich Bay and ask

the vessel came alongside, and they would think that there was no fish.

So they went by us and up in Wells' Bay again. But it was not long before they found out about the fish down there.

Capt. Nunan has something to say about the cod nets and the poor fishermen out of Boothbay. He has forgotten that the old men of Cape Porpoise used to go clamming and get their bait and do well fishing. When the vessels got using squid and bluebacks and shad, the old men had to give it up, because fish got scarce and that kind of bait was so high that they could not buy it.

Now we will compare the two kinds of gear. Haddock nets catch all kinds of fish, from three pounds up and trawls catch everything that has a mouth. That which is fit for sale is saved and that which is not is killed over the roller. I want to say that if haddock netting was the last business in the world, I would not want to go at it.

I have been talking with Capt. Merton Hutchings and he tells me that Capt. Nunan told him that he would wait and see how he came out in haddock netting. If Capt. Hutchings made a success of it then he would try it. Capt. Nunan has been fishing in Wells' Bay and half of the fish has been scrod cod and he has been known to have as high as nine barrels of haddock spawn at one time.

H. S. Sinnett,  
Cape Porpoise, Me.



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## THE BELLEORAM BANKERS READY

A move is on at Belleoram, preparing for the West Coast fishery, Capt. S. V. Cluett of the Sch. Effie M. Prior, recently sold from this port, has his salt on board and Capt. J. R. Critchell of the sch. Winifred is having his salt put on board this week, while the sch. Acme is discharging coal, preparatory to fitting for the fishery, other skippers are on the move as well. Capt. G. T. Bond of Stoves Cove has purchased the sch. Allan F. Rose, well known here, from the firm Josiah Rose, and will be an addition to his fishery fleet, Capt. Tom, is having a motor engine installed in his 20-ton boat, and will prosecute the West Coast fishery this winter. It is expected that the fleet will not sail till the first of February as bait is scarce.

Capt. George Kearley has gone to Nova Scotia to purchase another vessel. She will be commanded by skipper "Bill" Kearley.

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### A HUMANE PROJECT.

The Marine Journal So Terms Hospital Ship Idea.

The House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries has had under consideration recently the Gardner bill providing for an appropriation of \$100,000 for a Federal hospital ship for the Gloucester fishing fleet, which comprises some 600 ships manned by about 6000 fishermen. Hospital ships are maintained by several of the European governments, and our fishermen have frequently been aided by them in cases of emergency, and in fact are to some extent dependent upon them, as the United States has never maintained such, although the need of one has been felt for many years and Congress has been urged to supply it, but so far has made no favorable response.—Marine Journal.

### PICKEREL FISHERS WORRY.

Local pickerel fishermen are hoping for a change of weather that will freeze the local ponds where this specie of fish habitate. At this season of the year, pickerel fishermen want a foot or more of ice, but so far the warm weather has prevented the gratification of their desires. There is said to be an abundance of fish, but absence of ice is interfering with the prosecution of the fishing.

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### Portland Fishing Notes.

Several good sized trips of fish were brought into port Sunday to be sold to the local dealers Monday with the opening of the markets. Included in the number of schooners and sloops arriving were the Crusader, with 1600 pounds; the Laconia, with 1500 pounds; the Dorcas, with 3000 pounds; the A. D. Willard, with 3000 and the Katie L. Palmer, with 3500 pounds mixed fish.

The crew of the Crusader also had a halibut weighing 175 pounds which was caught about 10 miles off the Cape shore by Ephraim Eastman by the aid of a No. 17 hook. This is rather a small hook for such a heavy fish, but the crew were able to haul in the prize and landed it safely on board and yesterday brought it into port with the rest of their catch.

### Going Halibuting.

Sch. Georgianna is fitting for halibuting under command of Capt. Gourley Anderson.

### Harbored at Liverpool, N. S.

Sch. Tacoma from Bonne Bay, N. F., to this port, was at Liverpool, N. S., last Thursday and cleared for home.

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### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Recent arrivals at Sandy Point, N. S. are schs. Aspinet, Rex, Laverna, Francis P. Mesquita, James W. Parker.

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## FIRST OF SALT BANKERS AWAY

The salt bank codfishing season has opened. Sch. Maxine Elliott, the advance guard of the fleet sailing today, being the first craft of the New England or Nova Scotia fleet to get away.

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## GILL NETTER BROKE LIFTER

The Fleet As a Whole Did Fairly Well on Yesterday's Trips.

Arrivals from off shore this morning are schs. Tacoma from a Newfoundland herring voyage and Ingomar, the latter from the Cape Shore with 60,000 pounds of fresh fish.

Sch. Tacoma was 17 days from Bonne Bay. She brings 800 barrels of frozen herring and 93 barrels of pickled herring, consigned to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

Gill netting receipts yesterday were approximately 55,000 pounds of fresh mixed fish. Steamer Nora Robinson lifted but two boxes of her nets, when her lifter broke, spoiling the chances of a nice trip. The craft had about 1500 weight, as it was and was obliged to return to port for repairs.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Tacoma, Bonne Bay, N. F., 800 bbls. frozen herring, 93 bbls. pickled herring.

Sch. Ingomar, Cape Shore, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Leonora Silveria, shore.

Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Robert and Edwin, 4500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nomad, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Venture, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Hugo, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Anna T., gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 1600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 1300 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Geisha, gill netting, 2400 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nashawena, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nora Robinson, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mystery, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Seven Brothers, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bessie M. Dugan, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Lorena, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 5500 lbs. fresh fish.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, haddocking.

Sch. Juno, haddocking.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, haddocking.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, haddocking.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, haddocking.

Sch. Mary P. Goulart, haddocking.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, haddocking.

Sch. Jeanette, haddocking.

Sch. Harriett, haddocking.

Sch. Mary F. Sears, haddocking.

Sch. Jorgina, haddocking.

Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.

Sch. Leonora Silveira, haddocking.

Sch. Stranger, haddocking.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.50 per cwt; medium, \$4.62 1-2; snappers, \$3.25.

Eastern deck handline codfish, large, \$5.25; medium, \$4.50.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.

Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Newfoundland salt herring, \$3.25 per bbl.

Newfoundland pickled herring, \$5 per bbl.

#### Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.10; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.15; mediums, \$1.80; snappers, 75c.

All codfish not gilled 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.15.

Cusk, large, \$1.30; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 80c.; round, 90c.

Bank halibut 15-1-2c per lb. for white; 12-1-2c for gray.

Newfoundland frozen herring, \$2.75 per cwt.

### Steam Trawlers Reach Victoria.

The steam trawlers Andrew Kelly, Capt. Wynne, and George E. Foster, Capt. Dillon, arrived at Victoria January 13 from Grimsby, England, which port they left October 8 last. They have proceeded for Vancouver to await orders. In spite of the long voyage they look trim. Severe storms were encountered from Cape Viles to Lebu, which was the last call for coal before reaching San Francisco. Northwest gales were again met off Santa Barbara. A third trawler from Grimsby is about three weeks behind these two. They all are the property of the Canada Fish & Cold Storage Co. of Prince Rupert.

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## BIG FARES ARE THE FEATURE

Of the Day's Fish Doings Up at Old T Wharf.

The off shore fleet contributed materially to T wharf's fish receipts this morning, two steam trawlers and six sailing crafts, having arrived since yesterday, together with four shore boats.

This morning's fares are the steam trawler Surf with 40,000 pounds of mixed fish, 10,000 pounds of which are scrod, together with 1500 pounds of soles, together with schs. Arethusa, 53,000 pounds; Rex, 78,000 pounds; Cynthia, 68,000 pounds. Yesterday afternoon, there arrived schs. Gov. Foss, 77,000 pounds; Premier, 80,000 pounds; Laverna, 67,000 pounds; steam trawler Ripple, 53,000 pounds.

Haddock, prices, wholesale were \$2 to \$3.50 a hundred pounds, \$3 to \$4 for large cod, \$1.75 to \$2.25 for market cod, \$3 to \$5.50, pollock, \$2 to \$2.75, halibut, 18 cents a pound for white and 11 cents for gray.

### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Str Surf, 30,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 1500 lemon sole.

Sch. Rex, 50,000 haddock, 21,000 cod, 1000 hake, 6000 cusk.

Sch. Arethusa, 30,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 6000 hake, 3000 cusk, 500 halibut.

Sch. Cynthia, 45,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 6000 hake, 3000 cusk.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 7000 haddock, 400 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Genesta, 10,000 haddock, 800 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Manomet, 7000 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake, 1600 cusk.

Sch. Motor, 2600 haddock, 600 cod, 1000 hake, 500 cusk.

Str. Ripple, 45,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 5000 lemon sole.

Sch. Laverna, 57,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 200 cusk, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Premier, 52,000 haddock, 21,000 cod, 1000 hake, 6000 cusk.

Sch. Gov. Foss, 41,000 haddock, 24,000 cod, 8000 cusk, 4000 pollock.

Haddock, \$2 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3 to \$4; market cod, \$1.75 to \$2.25; hake, \$3 to \$5.50; pollock, \$2 to \$2.75; halibut, 18c for white and 11c for gray.

### Portland Fishing Notes.

Ephraim Eastman, a fisherman of the crew of the sloop Crusader, received congratulations from all sides Monday morning when it was learned that while fishing at Cape Porpoise Sunday he had hooked and landed on his trawl a handsome halibut which before it was dressed, weighed close to 200 pounds. As the story was told by Eastman he landed the fish with little trouble. As he started to pull in his trawl he found that it dragged heavily and it required about every ounce of his strength to reel it in. His first thought was that he had picked up a piece of drift wood from the bottom but the activities below soon convinced him that something alive was fastened to one of the hooks and he at once concluded that he had run afoul of a shark. He continued to reel rapidly and soon had the fish near enough to the surface to see that he had a monstrous great halibut in tow. He then exercised the greatest possible caution for the leader that fastened the hook to the trawl was not larger nor any stronger than an ordinary piece of twine. Bringing the fish alongside the dory he tipped the boat until the rail was within an inch of the water level. He then carefully pulled the fish's head across the rail until the body almost balanced and then stepping quickly back he rocked the boat in the opposite direction, throwing the fish into the bottom of the dory. On arriving in Portland Eastman was not long in finding a market for his fish. He sold the big fellow for 14 cents a pound and on the transaction realized \$25.

The Wautogua had the distinction of bringing the only fish fare of consequence Monday. The trip was 3000 pounds.

### Famous Hospital Ship.

Says the Fishing Gazette editorially:

A part of those engaged in the fishing industry of Gloucester, Mass., are protesting against the proposed government hospital ship, owing to the fact that during the summer months, when it is mostly needed, the Grand Banks are covered with fog, and also that one ship would not be of much service. As an offset, they suggest arrangements with the managers of the Canadian hospitals at the principal fishing ports and Dr. Grenfel, who has several hospitals under his control. On the other hand, there are those who favor the hospital ship. We will no doubt have the hospital ship if Congress considers impartially the great good it will do to American fishermen—those who do not hail from Gloucester, but from our many other fishing ports.

### Good Catches at Newburyport.

Several of the Newburyport fishermen made big hauls outside the bar Sunday of cod and pollock.

Several large schools of fish were run into by the fishermen. Jonah Short brought in 6000 pounds of cod and pollock, Nestor Thurlow 5000 and George Taylor 3000. All of this was carried to the Consumers' Fresh Fish Co.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Terra Nova, arrived at Shelburne Friday last and cleared for fishing.

Schs. Richard and Francis P. Mesquita, arrived at Liverpool Friday last, and schs. Gladys and Nellie, Ethel B. Penney and Gertrude DeCosta on Saturday and cleared for fishing.

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### Big Smelt Fishing.

In the first 15 days of fishing on the Miramichi River, N. B., the total catch is estimated at about 400 tons of smelts, besides other fish. At \$80 per ton which is the lowest at which the fish have been selling there has been paid out by the buyers or received by those who have been sending their fish direct to the states, upwards of \$36,000 which is one of the best of the early season records known.



## GOOD REPORT FROM MAGDALENS

"During the past year the cod and herring fishery of the Magdalens proved the most successful on record and the islanders secured good hauls at every sitting," said Captain Ferguson, of the steamer Lady Sybil, recently. This craft completed her last run of the season to the Magdalen Islands last week and is at St. John's, N. F., to lay up for the winter and have an overhauling. The captain stated the fishing season just closed with the advent of the ice floes had been one of the most successful in the history of the gulf group, though the heavy fogs of last June proved a severe hindrance in the catching of lobsters and consequently the yield was below the average.

Practically no satisfactory fares of mackerel were taken in the warm weather, but in no part of the Atlantic seaboard were the runs of these elusive fish successfully tapped last year. Failure to get the mackerel was more than obliterated in the great harvest of herring which Captain Ferguson states enabled the inhabitants, who are chiefly followers of the sea, to be financially well fixed for the cold weather and its resultant cessation of operations. "On my runs up from Pictou," said the captain, "I frequently passed by herring shoals in which the fish were so numerous that the reflection of the moonlight on their silvery-scaled bodies made the great schools resemble banks of snow. In fact they were so plentiful that often they were driven ashore tangled in the thick seaweed and kelp."

In the cold winter months, when the islanders are isolated from the outer world and are shut by the extensive ice-fields, many of the islanders take sleighs out on the ice and bag seals from the straggling herds which drift down on the floes. Last spring 10,000 of these were shot and the oil extracted and barreled for shipment to Nova Scotia. A new industry that is being started is the smoking of bloaters and already 6000 cases of these have been exported.

On the completion of the last trip north of the Lady Sybil from Pictou, Captain Ferguson was presented with a set of meerschaum pipes by the chief citizens of Magdalens, while William McClure, the owner, received a valuable gold necklet-pendant, set with pearls for Mrs. McClure, as well as an address signed by prominent people in the islands. The address thanked him for the effective service that had been maintained and for the fine qualities of the steamships which had afforded such benefits to the islanders. During the past year they had had the finest shipping facilities in their history and felt some recognition of their gratitude was due those responsible for the successful carrying out of the regular steamship route to the mainland.

The Lady Sybil is a staunch craft well equipped for battling with the sweeping combers of the St. Lawrence Gulf, and she has come through many a stormy passage that would have proven very detrimental to another vessel of similar size.—St. John's N. F. Herald, Jan. 18.

### Foreign Mackerel.

A firmer feeling and stronger tone in fine grades of imported mackerel is reported says the Fishing Gazette. Norway No. 1 has been sold in a moderate way as high as \$34, and some fair sized sales of Norway No. 3 springs have been made at \$12.50 to \$13. Irish mackerel is somewhat stronger and better sales are looked for as the season of Lent advances. Moderate shipments of Irish only have been received at Boston, the last noted being one of 84 barrels on January 20. The Liverpool report of January 11 quotes total shipment of Irish for week to date as 342 barrels, of which New York got 208, Boston 84 and New Orleans 50 barrels. Total shipments to date, 1912 Irish autumn, 21,988 barrels; 1912 Norway autumn, 4,767 barrels. Report for week to January 18 quotes total shipments 957 barrels, of which Boston took 597 and other ports 360 barrels, court being 350 to 400.

## HALIFAX'S FRESH FISHING FLEET

The fishing business out of Halifax is growing all the time and is now one of her big enterprises. What is done from Halifax is "fresh fishing," in contra distinction to the salt or hard-cured fishing carried on from Lunenburg by the splendid fleet from that port. One thing about the fishery from Halifax is that it goes on all the time, or rather that for nine months of the year there is no cessation. In the months of June, July and August there is little or nothing done, but for the rest of the year the fishing goes on constantly.

Last week the cod and haddock landed at Halifax for the North Atlantic Fisheries Company alone was 300,000 pounds, two schooners of the fleet fishing for this company landing 34,000 and 30,000 pounds respectively. Besides the cod and haddock fishery at the present time large quantities of frozen herring for bait, caught in Newfoundland waters, are being landed. The schooners Shamrock and Strathcona are in port discharging 800,000 herring for this purpose. A business like this is an important matter for the port.

Here is the fleet of schooners, numbering 29 vessels, fishing for the company previously mentioned, besides which they have a large number of smaller craft:

A. Hubley, Ella May, Edith Adele, Bonnie B., Vera May, Morona, Pearl Beatrice, Naf, Una E. Hart, Gladys G. Hart, I Wonder Y, Ovilla, Jennie P. S., Beatrice H., Gladys Irene, Minnie M. Mosher, James L., Rosie L., Joseph Earl, Gladys E. B., Nellie J. Banks, Alcyone, Rosway, Oswald, Adelaide, Plymouth Rock, Kathleen W., Lydia May, Steamer Vipon.

## CONDITIONS AT LUNENBURG N. S.

Recent sales of bank fish at Lunenburg have cut down stocks at first hands to less than 40,000 quintals. These sales have steadied the market and while the outlook at present is none too good, the opinion is expressed by some that there will be no further drop in price at the present time, and perhaps not for the balance of the season, says the Maritime Merchant. The Porto Rico market shows some recovery and for a few days there was a demand for prompt shipments. Stocks however, were ample to meet all requirements, so that there is no expectation that prices can advance, and there is some danger of too large shipments being made if too much eagerness is displayed in pushing for business in that market. There is an average demand for fish in Cuba and Jamaica, but in the latter market prices had to be lowered in the last month in order to do business.

Mediterranean dried fish markets are strong, and Labrador fish for that trade has advanced 3 to 4 shillings. This is a good thing for the Lunenburg banker, as it will probably keep any further supplies of Labrador from coming to this market if conditions hold as above mentioned, the Maritime Merchant continues. The Oporto market is weak, owing to smaller consumption, but an improvement is looked for shortly. A factor that will make for improvement in European markets generally will be the cessation of the Balkan war. Greece is a large consumer of fish, and since she became involved in the fight, shipments to her ports have been very greatly restricted. The news from North and South Brazil is that the markets are strong, but the demands for winter trade have already been filled and now there will be a lull for a month or two before things pick up again.

### Newfoundland Bank Catch.

The Newfoundland Deputy Minister of Customs reports that instead of a shortage in the returns of the bank fishermen there is an increase of over 500 quintals, compared with the total of last year. The figures are: Total catch, 1911-12, 155,517 quintals; total catch, 1910-11, 149,924 quintals; catch per vessel, 1911-12, 1254 quintals; catch per vessel, 1910-11, 1228 quintals; catch per man, 1910-11, 78 quintals; catch per man, 1911-12, 75 1-4 quintals.

## MADE GOOD LIFTS YESTERDAY

### Some of Gill Netters Go in a Very Profitable Day's Work.

Not an off shore arrival of any description is reported here this morning although the two remaining crafts of the Newfoundland herring fleet are expected most any time, which will complete the list for the season.

Capt. Patrick McGrath of sch. Tacoma reported in yesterday's Times from Bonne Bay tells the Times reporter that the weather encountered on the way home was some of the worst imaginable. While the craft quickly escaped damage, she encountered some bitter cold weather while coming across Cabot Strait and the Gulf. Ice froze on the decks to a depth of several inches, while the rigging was so heavily wrapped in a mantle of ice that he was obliged to put into North Sydney to thaw out. The Tacoma was there three days before she was clear of ice, after which the passage home was resumed.

A number of the gill netters made some good sized lifts yesterday. The new steamer Nora Robinson had the banner fare of the day, landing 8600 weight of mixed fish which the hustling firm of A. Cooney & Company shipped fresh to the Boston market. Yesterday's receipts totalled some 60,000 pounds in all.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 4300 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 900 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Nomad, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Robert and Edwin, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Venture, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Nashawena, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Mystery, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. R. J. Kellick, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Bessie M. Dugan, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Seven Brothers, 500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Swan, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Little Fannie, 1300 lbs. fresh fish.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Mina Swim, Newfoundland.  
Sch. Etta Mildred, Georges handling.  
Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, Boston.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.50 per cwt; medium, \$4.62 1-2; snappers, \$3.25.  
Eastern deck handline codfish, large, \$5.25; medium, \$4.50.  
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.  
Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.  
Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.  
Pollock, \$1.50.  
Hake, \$1.50.  
Haddock, \$1.50.  
Newfoundland salt herring, \$3.25 per bbl.  
Newfoundland pickled herring, \$5 per bbl.

#### Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.  
Eastern cod, large, \$2.10; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.  
Western cod, large, \$2.15; mediums, \$1.80; snappers, 75c.  
All codfish not gilled 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.  
Hake, \$1.15.  
Cusk, large, \$1.30; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.  
Dressed pollock, 80c.; round, 90c.  
Bank halibut 15 1-2c per lb. for white; 12 1-2c for gray.  
Newfoundland frozen herring, \$2.75 per cwt.

#### Salt Fish Active.

There is more activity this week in all lines of domestic salt fish owing to the approach of the Lenten season, but only moderate orders in general have been booked so far, says the Fishing Gazette of last week. The trade, however, reported a growing increase in the number of sales as the week advanced. Codfish is quite firm and steady.

#### Portland Fish Notes.

Fish receipts Tuesday were confined to the small lots landed by the boat fishermen, the vessels that went outside having found it too rough to accomplish much.

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## MAINE HAS A NEW FISH HEAD

Edward E. Chase of Blue Hill is better known as Judge Chase, has been named as commissioner of sea and shore fisheries. He has been judge of the western Hancock municipal court, and also judge of probate of Hancock county for several years. Judge Chase has served in the legislature as a representative from Blue Hill for two terms, has been a member of the governor's council, serving as councillor when Governor Haines was a state councillor and was a trustee of the Maine Insane hospital for one term.

#### Pensacola Arrivals.

The receipts of red snapper and groupers in Pensacola during 1912 reached goodly proportions. E. E. Saunders & Co. found at the end of the year that receipts of snappers reached the sum of 5,149,880 and groupers 1,771,291. The Warren Fish Co.'s figures were 3,000,000 snappers and 750,000 groupers.

Arrivals last week at Pensacola were:

For E. E. Saunders Co.—Louise Harper, 18,690 snappers; 9,125 groupers; Emile Enos, 28,400 snappers; 32,500 groupers; Albert Geiger, 19,000 snappers, 4,645 groupers; Cavalier, 25,060 snappers, 3,985 groupers; Flora J. Sears, 30,810 snappers, 9,645 groupers; Fish Hawk, 17,785 snappers, 12,570 groupers; Angelina, 4,500 snappers.  
For Warren Fish Co.—Hope, 12,000 snappers, 30,000 groupers; Silas Staurns, 16,360 snappers, 3,345 groupers; Althea Franklin, 2,000 snappers, 2,000 groupers.

#### Porto Rico Fish Market.

As was to be expected, the light receipts have caused a sudden sharp advance in our markets, and sales of the scant available supplies have been made on a rising scale. Demand is on the increase and should easily take care of the next moderate arrivals at full prices. While we understand sales have been made at higher prices, we would quote about as follows as being nearer today's normal market values: Codfish, \$33 to \$34 per cask of 450 lbs.; pollock and haddock, \$23 to \$24 per cask of 450 lbs.—Reported January 14, 1913, by S. Ramirez & Co., San Juan, Porto Rico.

#### New Fish Concerns.

Big Four Fisheries Company, Boston, Mass., capital, \$100,000; to operate shipments of lobsters and fresh and salt fish. Officers: C. K. Davis, C. H. Merservy and J. B. Condon.  
W. L. Daggett Company, Portland, Me., has been incorporated to conduct the wholesale and retail fish business; capital \$50,000. President, W. L. Daggett; treasurer, J. A. Tonneson, Portland.